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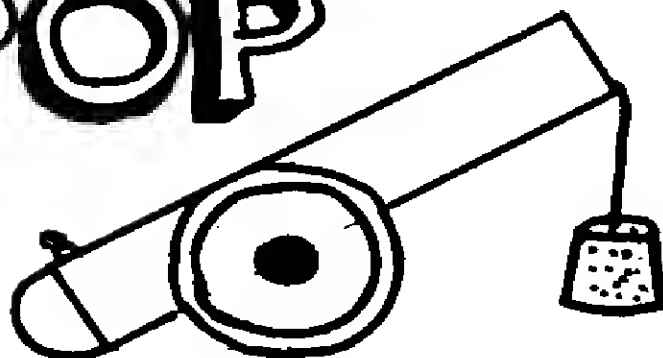
*What, TWO GAME STARTS?!*

Did you ever have the feeling that you were being, well, **WATCHED**? That some **THING** was observing your **EVERY** move, noting your **EVERY** action, searching for **JUST** the right moment to do **WHO** knows **WHAT**? If you have, then, according to leading members of the psychiatric profession, you're a complete paranoiac. That aside, sit back and enjoy this issue 91 of *Life Of Monty* from Don Del Grande, 142 Eliseo Drive, Greenbrae, CA 94904-1339, phone (415) 461-2692, but only between 5 PM and 11 PM (Pacific time) (maybe a little later on Friday and Saturday nights). That is, enjoy it while you have the chance...

**MONTY'S NEWS AND COMMENT** is brought to you by whoever it is broadcasting that same letter **OVER** and **OVER** again at 4302.5 kHz. Could it be **THEM**?

I'm always the last to know. It wasn't *that* long ago that Pete and Kat Tamlyn (of *The Acolyte*) got married, was it? (Married twice, as I recall; they wanted a Pagan rite, but her parents wanted a church wedding.) Anyway, I pick up the latest *Excitement City Unlimited*, and... "Pete and Kat Tamlyn are now the proud parents of Marc John". Neverthenonetheless, Pete was the first European Lifer, so this event earns a **FULL LOM CANNON SALUTE**:

POP



Well, what did you expect on such short notice?

It's always good to see another 'zine that doesn't stick to Diplomacy and its variants (although the "MNC Under The Covenant" seems to think that just about any multi-player game is a Diplomacy variant; I, for one, fail to see too much similarity between Diplomacy and Civilization). **PROTOZOAN**, published by Scott Cameron (4 Meadow Lane, Hicksville, NY 11801-5304), currently runs games in Kingmaker, Kremlin (both regular and Revolution versions), Pax Britannica, and something which appears to be Conquistador (which isn't being made anymore). Scott is looking for players to play Kremlin, Pax Britannica, Merchant of Venus and Magic Realm. (Perhaps he can do better in running MR than Roy Henricks and Dick Martin have done?) The sub cost isn't listed on the latest issue (#52), but the *Zine Register* says that it's about 45 cents per issue and it comes out every three weeks. It's also quite small (#52 was 4 legal-size pages) and warehouse (no letters, no news, just games).

**RUNESTONE POLL:** Yes, it's that time of year again. All you have to do is to follow the instructions on the ballot (there's one included in this issue) and mail it to Bruce Linsey, P.O. Box 1334, Albany, NY 12201, or Eric Brosius, 41 Hayward Street, Milford, MA 01757. Note that the deadline "will probably be about the end of June", so that Bruce can announce the results at DIPCON if he attends. If he attends CAN-CON instead, the deadline may be extended through July so he can announce the results there. There's also an announced policy of "simply not counting bogus votes if there is a poll-rigging scandal similar to those of the past two years".

In association with the poll, Barbara Passoff and Simon Billenness are running the Diplomacy Alliance Against Heart Disease. You can pledge an amount "per ballot received"; for example, if you pledge one penny per ballot, and 400 ballots are cast in the poll, you would owe \$4. Send in your pledge to Barbara & Simon at 630 Victory Blvd., Apt. 6F, Staten Island, NY 10301. (A pledge form is also included in this issue.)

Bruce Linsey has also announced that "there is a 50/50 chance" that he will not be running the Runestone Poll after this year, and that he will be looking for a successor after this year's poll is finished if he decides not to continue. I am repeating my statement of interest in becoming the next Runestone Pollster (originally made on the front cover of LOM 85) just in case the position does become vacant.

# DIP WARZ

Once again, from the furthest reaches of the known universe, comes everybody's favorite sleep opera - "Sleep opera?"

Yes, Princess Luscious, this is a recognized insomnia cure. Two consecutive issues of this thing have

been considered an overdose in 27 known star systems. But why, may I ask, are you babbling away like this?

"Because that's the kind of person she is - oh, I see what you mean. Why here and now?" Anyway, Oboe-1 Caruso continues. "As you recall, the *Linoleum Falcon* was squeezed thin by being pushed through a very small black hole, only to become very short and wise by landing point-first on some planet. Fortunately, it happened to be at coordinates 62.0004, -32.6558, 112.7170, which is a body shop planet. Unfortunately, this is a TYPICAL body shop planet, which means that (a) they take forever, (b) they charge by the hour, and (c) there's always, well, SOMETHING that didn't QUITE fit.

"Look over there!" Baldo Calberchian mentioned in one of those "Don't-make-it-so-obvious-but-there's-something-over-there-that-you-should-see" kinds of voices. Located in a far corner of the shop, under a large economy-size cloth, the lettering on the ship was obvious.

"Dear Mother. The Diplomatic Bad Boys are here."

"You mean us?"

"And that means," Rod Seaparter reasoned, "THE BOURSE is here somewhere."

"You mean THIS?" One of THEM (it is a criminal offense just to MENTION their names) held up the small rectangular object pulsating in its array of colors - light blue - dark blue - black - green - dark blue - green - light blue - dark blue - black - light blue. Just then, the holder disappeared in a POOF of white smoke. Just then, a familiar voice could be heard:

"BEWARE the LEFT SIDE of THE BOURSE. It will drag the unwary down like a well-placed knife between the shoulder blades. Not-very-young Seaparter, your quest goes on."

Please note that this statement of advice from Garra the Elvi master has been translated from that language he speaks (if that's the appropriate word for it) to make it easier on the readers.

**FLASH!** The **SECOND BRITISH INVASION** continues - that's Ian McShane of *Lovejoy* as Lockwood on *Dallas*. I thought the deal was that we give Britain ideas for game shows and they give us ideas for situation comedies.

# KREMLIN GAMESTART

As there are five players who have expressed interest in playing PBM *Kremlin*, I am starting the game in this issue. I have NMR deposits from three of you; I'll need \$2 from the others. Remember, you get the \$2 back at the end of the game provided you sent in orders every turn (even if they were slightly late). The first time you don't send in any orders (and don't have a good excuse), \$1 is deducted from your NMR deposit; the second time, you lose the entire deposit and a standby will be called if any are available.

Here are the players:

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\*CHRIS CARRIER, 1215 P Street 12, Sacramento, CA 95814

\*TOM NASH, 5512 Pilgrim Road, Baltimore, MD 21214

RICK PIERCE, 2305 Spanish Trail, Irving, TX 75060

MARK WESEMAN, 124 Burleigh Drive, Ithaca, NY 14850

\* indicates that you haven't paid your \$2 deposit yet. I have the right to deduct it from your sub balance if necessary, so I suggest you pay the deposit as soon as possible.

I assume that all of you have my PBM rules (appearing in issue 88); if you don't, let me know and I'll send them to you. (You don't need them for the first mailing.) Remember that *only* Basic rules are being used.

Each of you should send me:

(a) the name of your faction (you are NOT limited to the names used in the game; use your imagination.)

(b) the distribution of your 55 IPs (that is, which character is allocated 10 IPs, which 9, and so on down to 1; remember that these IPs are only allocated, not declared yet, and that none can be allocated to Nestor Apartschik);

(c) which IPs declared in (b), if any, you want to declare. (Specify character and IPs. You can make these orders conditional; for example, "Declare the minimum number of IPs necessary to have control of Goferbok" - 1 IP would be declared if nobody else gave orders to declare any IPs allocated to Goferbok, but if somebody declared 5 IPs, you would declare 6, assuming you allocated at least 6.)

## **RAILWAY RIVALS "STOP THE WORLD, I WANT TO GET OFF" - TURN 7 - Not much call for any of the runs**

### **RUN RESULTS**

**Run 1 (Stoke-Bradford): GREEN first, GOERS second**

**GREEN pays 9 to GOERS**

**GOERS pays 3 to GREEN**

**Run 2 (York-London): NUT first, COSALT second**

**NUT pays 7 to COSALT**

**COSALT pays 4 to ECU**

**Run 3 (Birmingham-Liverpool): GOERS first, GREEN second**

**GREEN pays 3 to GOERS, 1 to COSALT**

**GOERS pays 2 to NUT, 3 to GREEN**

**Run 4 (Leeds-Any Port)**

**SEX [Grimsby] first, no other trains**

**Run 5 (Newport-London): ECU first, NUT second**

**NUT pays 4 to ECU**

**Run 6 (South England-Lincoln): ECU first, NUT second**

**ECU [London] pays 10 to SEX**

**NUT [London] pays 6 to COSALT**

**COSALT pays 4 to ECU**

**Run 7 (Derby-Bolton): GREEN first, GOERS second**

**GREEN pays 3 to GOERS**

**NOTES: Brian, your joint run with Melinda was not ordered by Melinda, so it was cancelled.**

### **BUILDS**

**GREEN: Liverpool - C 9; G 60 - I 61 - Peterborough;**

**I 61 - N 63 (pay 1 to ECU); Liverpool - Birkenhead**

**GOERS: B 64 - D 63 - I 66 - I 69 - J 69 (pay 6 to COSALT)**

**NUT: F 11 - H 10 - Manchester; F 12 - E 12 - E 10 - Liverpool  
(pay 1 to GOERS)**

**ECU: H 21 - I 21 - J 21 - Birmingham; L 21 - Birmingham (pay 2  
to COSALT); Leicester - D 60 - Coventry (pay 3 to COSALT  
and 1 to NUT)**

**COSALT: G 12 - G 8 - Manchester - I 7 - K 8 (pay 2 to GOERS);  
F 66 - B 68 (pay 1 to ECU); H 69 - I 70**

**SEX: C 7 - C 8 - Liverpool (pay 3 to GREEN); Peterborough -  
K 61 - K 63 - L 63 - M 64 - Cambridge (pay 1 to NUT);  
F 55 - F 57 - E 58 (pay 1 to GREEN)**

**MORE NOTES: Melinda and Doug, note that the spending limit  
includes the payments to other players, so your entire orders could  
not be followed. Note that there is no payment made for building  
alongside tracks built in the same turn.**

### ***TOTALS***

**GREEN (Goode):**  $53 + 50 - 16 + 6 - 16 + 10 = 87$

**GOERS (Brown):**  $41 + 40 - 8 + 15 - 16 + 3 = 75$

**NUT (von Metzke):**  $40 + 40 - 17 + 2 - 14 + 4 = 55$

**ECU (Longstaff):**  $50 + 40 - 10 + 4 - 14 + 10 = 80$

**COSALT (Watts):**  $40 + 10 - 8 + 14 - 16 + 11 = 51$

**SEX (Holley):**  $40 + 20 - 0 + 10 - 16 + 0 = 54$

### ***TURN 8 RUNS*** (enter up to 4)

**36 - S5 (Birkenhead-Wales)**

**53 - 42 (Wolverhampton-Nottingham)**

**52 - 16 (Birmingham-Sheffield)**

**25 - 12 (Manchester - Hull)**

**35 - S2 (Liverpool - East Anglia)**

**45 - 45 (Oxford-Coventry)**

**23 - 23 (Cambridge-Burnley)**

**Please specify the routes that you are using in each run you enter**

**BUILD LIMIT** for Turn 8 is 14. This **INCLUDES** payments to other players.

**DEADLINE FOR TURN 8 IS APRIL 25**



## **DIPLOMACY . . . DELAYED !!**

I only have three sets of orders, so this game will be delayed by one issue. Those who did NOT send in orders: Melinda Ann Holley, Michael Hopcroft, Brian Bajuk, and Thomasine Bowen.

As Spring 1901 was not printed last time, it will be printed here:

### **LES MISÉRABLES (1989 B) - SPRING 1901**

**AUSTRIA (Holley):** A Vie-BUD, A Bud-SER, F Tri-ALB

**ENGLAND (Hopcroft):** F Lon-NTH, F Edi-NWG, A Lvp-YOR

**FRANCE (Bajuk):** A Mar-SPA, A Par-PIC, F Bre-MID

**GERMANY (Allen):** F Kie-HOL, A Mun-RUH, A Ber-KIE

**ITALY (T. Bowen):** F Nap-ION, A Rom-TUS, A VEN H

**RUSSIA (Slaughter):** F SEV-Bla, A War-UKR, F Stp(sc)-BOT,

**A MOS-Sev**

**TURKEY (Dorneman):** A Con-BUL, F ANK-Bla, A Smy-ARM

**The NEW FALL 1901 DEADLINE is APRIL 28**

# **PRESIDENTIAL POLITICS 2 ELECTION SPECIAL**

The moment is now at hand! Republicans Stephen Wilcox and Greg Ellis, Democrats Dave Anderson and Melinda Ann Holley, and Independents Jake Halverstadt and Cathy Ozog have fought long and hard to get their ticket to the top, although Melinda's mystery ailment in this last week has kept her sidelined in Los Angeles and unable to help the Demos that much. Not that they have much chance, according to the latest polls....

## **TRAVEL ORDERS**

### **WILCOX**

Atlanta  
Atlanta  
Miami  
Tampa  
Seattle  
Seattle  
Portland  
Honolulu  
Tacoma  
Spokane

### **ANDERSON**

Newark  
Newark  
New York  
New York  
New York  
New York  
Nassau  
Nassau  
Baltimore  
Detroit

### **HALVERSTADT**

Chicago  
Chicago  
Detroit  
Detroit  
Boston  
Boston  
Hartford  
New Haven  
Providence  
Cleveland

### **ELLIS**

Denver  
Phoenix  
Salt Lake City  
Dallas  
Houston  
San Antonio  
Oklahoma City  
Memphis  
Louisville  
Nashville

### **HOLLEY**

Remains in  
Los Angeles  
(only the first three  
phases count, as  
the per-person limit  
in L.A. is 8)

### **OZOG**

Portland  
Portland  
Eugene  
New York  
New York  
New York  
New York  
Newark  
Buffalo

## **NAME RECOGNITION SPENDING**

**REPUBLICAN** - South Atlantic 142; Mid-Atlantic 33; New England 24; West South Central 2; East South Central 2; Pacific 2

**DEMOCRAT** - South Atlantic 202; Mid-Atlantic 135; East North Central 48

**INDEPENDENT** - New England 100; East North Central 150

<b>ORGANIZERS</b>	<b>REP</b>	<b>DEM</b>	<b>IND</b>
Mid-Atlantic	0 (40)	15 (115)	100 (162)
New England	10 (30)	0 (0)	30 (59)
E N Central	0 (40)	48 (148)	70 (142)
W N Central	2 (0)	0 (0)	0 (75)
E S Central	12 (12)	0 (0)	0 (11)
South Atlantic	109 (219)	15 (115)	0 (26)
W S Central	2 (2)	0 (0)	0 (50)
Rocky Mountain	2 (72)	0 (0)	0 (45)
Pacific	2 (2)	0 (0)	20 (40)
California	1 (1)	40 (100)	0 (50)

Well, the polls have just closed in the east, so let's look at the results in the Mid-Atlantic states (New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania):

	<b>REP</b>	<b>DEM</b>	<b>IND</b>
<b>SIG</b>	1770	2086	1913
<b>Issue</b>	1152	273	879
<b>Name Recognition</b>	389	1943	1554
<b>Organizers</b>	333	133 1	1664
<b>Travel</b>	915	704	610
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4559</b>	<b>6337</b>	<b>6615</b>

The Independents score first blood with 77 electoral votes. Now over to New England (Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut):

	<b>REP</b>	<b>DEM</b>	<b>IND</b>
<b>SIG</b>	524	184	519
<b>Issue</b>	392	107	364
<b>Name Recognition</b>	909	0	349
<b>Organizers</b>	299	0	779
<b>Travel</b>	130	0	605
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2254</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>2616</b>

That third party ticket is sweeping the northeast - another 36 electoral votes to Halverstadt, for a 113 total so far. But here's a Republican stronghold: the South Atlantic (Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, D.C., and Florida):

	<b>REP</b>	<b>DEM</b>	<b>IND</b>
<b>SIG</b>	812	170	0
<b>Issue</b>	1558	936	751
<b>Name Recognition</b>	466	1211	0
<b>Organizers</b>	1038	400	160
<b>Travel</b>	599	298	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4473</b>	<b>3829</b>	<b>1873</b>



That's 88 electors voting for Wilcox, but he's still behind. Anderson hasn't gotten off the mark yet. Now the central states are reporting in, first with the East South Central (Kentucky, Alabama, Mississippi, and Tennessee):

	<b>REP</b>	<b>DEM</b>	<b>IND</b>
<b>SIG</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>105</b>
<b>Issue</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>170</b>
<b>Name Recognition</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Organizers</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>145</b>
<b>Travel</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1682</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>420</b>

No doubt about those 36 electoral votes. The Democrats could be challenging in the East North Central (Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan):

	<b>REP</b>	<b>DEM</b>	<b>IND</b>
<b>SIG</b>	<b>1234</b>	<b>1467</b>	<b>1489</b>
<b>Issue</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>437</b>
<b>Name Recognition</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>1214</b>	<b>1516</b>
<b>Organizers</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>1299</b>	<b>1040</b>
<b>Travel</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>1207</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1959</b>	<b>4985</b>	<b>5689</b>

Those 90 votes go into Halverstadt's column, for a 203 total. Only 67 more needed for the independents. There are 47 available in the West North Central (Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas):

	<b>REP</b>	<b>DEM</b>	<b>IND</b>
<b>SIG</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>175</b>
<b>Issue</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>257</b>
<b>Name Recognition</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>310</b>
<b>Organizers</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>690</b>
<b>Travel</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2746</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>1432</b>

It looks like those visits by Ellis paid off for Wilcox, who picks up those 47 electoral votes, giving the Republicans 171. Another Republican stronghold is coming up - the West South Central (Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas):

	<b>REP</b>	<b>DEM</b>	<b>IND</b>
<b>SIG</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>175</b>
<b>Issue</b>	<b>659</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>Name Recognition</b>	<b>1014</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Organizers</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>869</b>
<b>Travel</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>421</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2892</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>1559</b>

Another 53 electors in Wilcox's column, giving the Republicans 224, just 46 short of the 270 needed. Now the polls in the Rockies have closed, which is another Republican lock (Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, and Nevada):

	<b>REP</b>	<b>DEM</b>	<b>IND</b>
<b>SIG</b>	342	60	145
<b>Issue</b>	778	274	459
<b>Name Recognition</b>	557	0	214
<b>Organizers</b>	477	0	183
<b>Travel</b>	364	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2518</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>1001</b>

That's 40 more Republican electors, giving them 264 - but their last chance seems to be in the Pacific (Washington, Oregon, Alaska, and Hawaii):

	<b>REP</b>	<b>DEM</b>	<b>IND</b>
<b>SIG</b>	247	43	105
<b>Issue</b>	319	64	191
<b>Name Recognition</b>	494	0	190
<b>Organizers</b>	163	0	425
<b>Travel</b>	222	0	214
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1445</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>1125</b>

And at 11:11 PM EST, the networks announce that Stephen Wilcox has been elected President of the United States. A few hours later, somebody realizes that Greg Ellis gets the VP job. Meanwhile, the results come in from California:

	<b>REP</b>	<b>DEM</b>	<b>IND</b>
<b>SIG</b>	1127	1406	1119
<b>Issue</b>	562	1124	714
<b>Name Recognition</b>	641	1668	257
<b>Organizers</b>	220	1430	550
<b>Travel</b>	0	663	369
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2550</b>	<b>6291</b>	<b>3009</b>

The final electoral vote totals: REPUBLICANS 288, INDEPENDENTS 203, DEMOCRATS 47.

Originally, I had the Independents winning the Pacific, sending the whole thing into the House (where Wilcox won easily) and Senate (where Ellis had a slim victory) - but then Dave Anderson reminded me that I had based media votes in the general election on name recognition spending only instead of all spending.

Victory speeches - concessions - arguments - general comments are welcome if they arrive by April 28. Say, Mister VP, when does the PP2 game in FF begin?

**This is the opening setup:**

**PARTY CHIEF:** Apartschik, 80, +

**KGB HEAD:** Krakembeds, 72

**FOREIGN MINISTER:** Manjak, 61

**DEFENSE MINISTER:** Purgemoff, 71

**IDEOLOGY CHIEF:** Putschnik, 52

**INDUSTRY MINISTER:** Wasolin, 50

**ECONOMY MINISTER:** Boremtodev, 66

**SPORT MINISTER:** Satin, 62

**CANDIDATES:** Gofertbrok, 74; Niewitko, 73;

Mischif, 68; Karrienko, 63; Protaky, 56

The numbers after the characters' names indicate their ages; each "+" indicates a Red Cross.



## KINGMAKER GAMESTART

I now have six players for my next Kingmaker game. The players:

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\***CATHY OZOG**, P.O. Box 5225, Munds Park, AZ 86017

**MARK WESEMAN**, 124 Burleigh Drive, Ithaca, NY 14850

\* indicates that you have not paid your \$2 NMR deposit. I can always take it out of your sub fees if necessary. (OOPS - Cathy is a trader. Then again, she has a \$1 credit.)

Your faction name and initial setups (include which cards go to which nobles, where your nobles begin, and which cards go to Chancery) are due by APRIL 27.

Here are your initial six crown cards:

Next issue will include my (slightly) revised Kingmaker House Rules. I am trying to decide whether to create a new PBM map or have the players write orders relative to place names (e.g. "Move north to the space east of Northampton")

# GAME OPENINGS

1830 - Goode, \*Pierce, von Metzke, Nixon (maybe) signed up. This game may start next issue if all four of you want to start with four, assuming all of you are still interested in playing.

**TALISMAN** - Dorneman, \*Pierce signed up. Basic rules will be used.

(Don't hold your breath for this game to start.)

Both of the above games require a \$2 NMR deposit. \* indicates a paid deposit for that player.

**STANDBYS** - needed for Diplomacy. Only Anderson and Nash are on the current list. You get 50 cents sub credit for each of your first two sets of orders, and \$1 credit for finishing the position.

## MEETING OF MINDS #25

This is *Meeting of Minds*, the subzine of International Diplomacy Tournament Ratings (IDTR), from the IDTR's I-can-call-myself-whatever-I-want-as-I-do-all-of-the-work-except-of-course-for-the-tournament-directors-who-send-in-the-results-without-which-I'd-be-nothing, Don Del Grande, 142 Eliseo Drive, Greenbrae, CA 94904-1339, USA.

**THE 1988 IDTR WORLD TOURNAMENT DIPLOMACY CHAMPION** IS still not known as MIDCON has not sent in its results from last October. I'm not alone; apparently, *nobody* has seen the results other than those announced at the tournament itself. I sent them one of the "official" results forms to fill out; why do they always do this to me?

**AS FOR 1989**, I don't have the AUSTRALIAN CAN-CON results either. This was only two months ago, however. The VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS are being held as I am typing this.

**DIKIECON** is the first IDTR-sanctioned tournament in North America this year; if you haven't entered yet, you have until April 30 to send in your fees. See the enclosed flyer for prices and addresses.

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As I'm sure most of you already know, it has now become a tradition to hold a charity appeal along with the Runestone Poll. Last year, it was for AIDS research. This year Simon and I have decided on the American Heart Association.

Now, I could bombard you with lots of statistics showing how many people die each year from heart disease. But I'm not going to do that. Statistics are just numbers, after all. Instead, I'm going to tell you why I insisted on doing the appeal for the American Heart Association. My father died of a heart attack at the age of 55. I was 19 years old. He never had the chance to meet Simon; never saw his daughter get married. And if we have children, he will never see them. I will never stop missing him.

The appeal will be run the same as last year. The deal is this: 1) Vote in the Runestone Poll; 2) Pledge a monetary amount for each vote cast. So, if 500 people voted, and you pledged 5 cents a vote, you'd owe \$25. Simple enough, right?

I need your pledge in by the end of June. Alternatively, you can send your pledge to Bruce Linsey, and he'll forward it to us. One more thing, this is Simon's and my last year doing the Appeal. By September, we'll both be doing our MBA's and we will not have enough time to devote to this. If nobody volunteers to take over for us, this will be the last Hobby Charity Appeal.

Thanks,

*Barbara Passoff & Simon Billenness*

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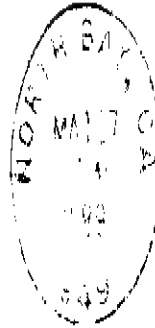
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